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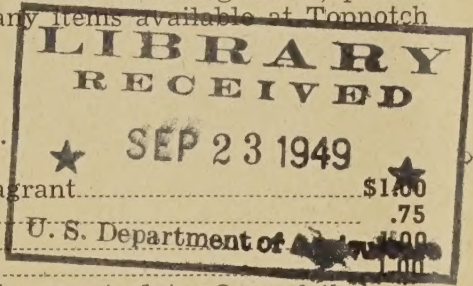
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Topnotch Gardens

# Fall Planting

Chesterton, Ind.

In the Midwest, September and October are ideal months for making a new garden, making over an old one, or just tucking in a few flowering bulbs, perennials, trees or shrubs. Here are just a few of the many items available at Topnotch Gardens for that purpose.



## PEONIES

Vigorous, 3 to 5 eye standard divisions furnished.  
Planting directions with order.

<b>Baroness Schroeder.</b> Immense white flowers; late, fragrant.....	\$1.00
<b>Eduilis Superba.</b> Early, free flowering dark pink.....	.75
<b>Felix Crousse.</b> Medium sized, midseason fragrant red.....	1.00
<b>Festiva Maxima.</b> Early, large white, touched with red.....	1.00
<b>Kelway's Glorious.</b> Huge, fragrant white flowers, midseason to late. One of the finest of all peonies.....	2.50
<b>Longfellow.</b> Popular, early, easy to grow, red.....	1.00
<b>Mary Brand.</b> Mid to late season, fine red, a choice and long lasting cut flower.....	1.25
<b>Mons. Jules Elie.</b> Large, handsome deep pink.....	1.00
<b>Philippe Rivoire.</b> Late flowering, high ranking, fragrant, rich red.....	2.50
<b>Reine Hortense.</b> Hydrangea pink, touched with crimson.....	1.00
<b>Richard Carvel.</b> Large, choice early red.....	1.25
<b>Sarah Bernhardt.</b> Apple blossom pink, fine for cutting.....	1.00
<b>Tourangelle.</b> Late soft white, with suffusion of rose. Exquisite form and color.....	1.25
<b>Walter Faxon.</b> Tall, free blooming rose pink.....	1.00

For new gardens or trial plantings, we have fine roots, labeled pink, red or white only at 65c each. Our Waldean Collection, 10 labeled varieties, full range of color and season of bloom, \$7.50.

## ORIENTAL POPPIES

The plants we offer are all one to two-year-old well-developed roots that given care, should produce bloom the first year.

<b>Big Jim.</b> Handsome ruffled dark red.....	.75
<b>Cavalier.</b> Nopal red, with large black spots; petals crinkled. Strong grower and free bloomer.....	.75
<b>Cerise Beauty.</b> Medium sized, free blooming crinkled cerise-pink.....	.75
<b>Helen Elizabeth.</b> Termed best pink, a strong grower.....	1.00
<b>Joyce.</b> Well-known tallish rose red.....	.75
<b>Lach's Koenigen.</b> Crinkled peach red, good grower and free bloomer.....	.75
<b>New Perfection.</b> Deep seashell pink, petals fluted.....	.75
<b>Sass Pink.</b> Tall, delicate flesh pink; very fine.....	1.00
<b>White Queen.</b> Chalk white with black spots.....	.75

Unlabeled poppies, pink, white, red or orange, special 35c each, 3 for \$1.00. Ten varieties, full color and seasonal bloom, unlabeled, \$4.00. Ten choice labeled varieties, including some of our best, special Waldean Collection, \$5.00.

## AQUILEGIA (Columbine)

Universally beloved, these airy, graceful flowers, if not allowed to go to seed, give delight and enchantment over a long period of bloom. Plant in full sun or light shade.

<b>Crimson Star.</b> Large flowers with crimson sepals and white petals; long spurs.....	.75
<b>Mrs. Scott Elliott Hybrids.</b> A mixture of all colors, pink, white, blue, yellow, etc., all long spurred.....	.50

## DICENTRA SPECTABILIS

The old-fashioned <b>Bleeding Heart</b> of grandmother's day, with its luscious, lacy pink bells, exquisite in garden combination with Daffodils and Bluebells, large plants.....	each .75
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## MERTENSIA VIRGINICA

<b>Virginia Bluebells,</b> a native woodland flower, that blooms and seeds itself profusely in a rich, lightly shaded border planting. One of the easiest to grow perennials and earliest to flower.....	each .50
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Home is where the heart is . . . . . WALDEAN, home of Topnotch iris

## Gaily I Go to Garden

By Deanette M. Small

When the name for the farm on which I reside was chosen, we did not have "Walden" in mind; it was long after before I noticed the similarity. Indeed, the choosing was commonplace, although, as with much of the commonplace, not without originality.

In February, when negotiations for the farm were under way, our family began wondering what we might call it. Since the home—an old red brick house built in 1888—sat on a hilltop, I could think of nothing better than "Hilltop Farm." My son, Jim, suggested something equally trite. Waldo, my husband, with his agile newspaper mind, looked across at us smilingly. "Why not Waldean?" he said.

So Waldean it became—an imperishable linking of his name and mine.

**D**AFFODILS are gay in Spring, but there was nothing gay about the job we tackled at Waldean. The land was littered with rotted posts and fallen gates, with rusted barbed wire and broken jars and bottles. The buildings reeked with stable and poultry manure that took all the first year (1945) to clean.

It is strange when undertaking a really hard job, how enthusiastic you become about it. As small plots of littered ground gave way to fertile areas of flowering trees and shrubs, not only did our delight grow, but our horizons widened immeasurably. We could not wait to "get it all cleaned up!" Frankly, the five full hard years it has taken to do just that seem no longer than yesterday. Delight telescopes time. The problems of the past are forgotten in the reality of today's achievement.

**W**HEN you visit Waldean Farm, where Topnotch Gardens are located, plan to spend a little time and enjoy fully the beauty. Waldean Farm is more than a place of business; actually, it is a lifetime dream come true. Here is enough ground for the owners to set aside a small plot (or even a large one) for testing new plants from all over America—and the world! Here you will find over a thousand varieties of their favorite perennial—the Iris. This collection, one of America's largest and finest, contains the best of the new and the old, not only in tall bearded but in dwarfs, spurias and Siberians. Here you can meet "in person" the Dykes winners, and the runners-up, the honorable mentions, and the awards of merit—all the names you read about in the American Iris Society bulletins and the "Walter Winchell" columns of gardenom.

Some fifty varieties of Oriental poppies are grown for your study and pleasure. The old, familiar "pink, white and red" Peonies are here—but also many of the very new! Hemerocallis, the modern "Daylily" that is taking America by storm, are here in a vast collection of over three hundred varieties! Rock and "shade" gardeners delight in some of the unusual and often rare plants grown here, or that we have been able to procure for them.

The hospitality of Waldean Farm is nationally noted. Bring your family; bring your friends. Bring your garden club and be our "special guests" during Iris time—usually May 20th to June 10th annually. Over a thousand guests visited Waldean Farm during the 1948 Iris season. Make your plans now to be here during the 1949 pageant of glory.

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**W**ALDEAN Farm, the home of Deanette M. and James H. Small, is located fifteen miles east of Gary, Ind., or one and a half miles west of the Indiana State Police Baracks. The "front" of the farm parallels Route 20, but the shaded lane leading to the display grounds is directly off the old "County Road," an east-west road about one block north of Route 20. To reach this road, turn north off Route 20 at the Wagner Road intersection, drive one block, and then turn west till you come to the sign "Topnotch Gardens, Quality Perennials."

If you are a "stranger in these parts," posted signs will aid you; look for them. This is a friendly community; if you get lost, just ask any of the nearby Chester-ton or Porter people where Topnotch Gardens are, and they will tell you. Or any of the business firms along Routes 12, 20 or 49, all of which roads lead eventually to Topnotch!



## PYRETHRUM (Painted Daisies)

- Mixed colors, pink, red and white, nicely established clumps of the fine Robinson hybrid strain .....each .50
- Miami Queen.** A semi-double or crested center type, rosy pink color, free blooming, fine long stems for cutting, hardy and vigorous.....each .75

## IRIS

We are one of America's largest growers of Tall Bearded Iris. Ask for our special price list. To new gardeners we offer the following outstanding Tall Bearded Iris collections:

- COLLECTION A**—10 choice labeled varieties, full color range and season of bloom, a \$5 value, for only.....\$2.50  
(This same collection, not labeled, \$2)
- COLLECTION B**—8 prize winning show types, a \$10 to \$12 retail value, our selection labeled varieties, only ..... 5.00
- WALDEAN COLLECTION**—Our best offer, unmatched in America. A \$25.00 retail value of 10 of our best iris, including award winners, for only.....10.00
- Dwarf Iris**, fine for the rock garden, 10 plants, unlabeled, mixed heights and colors, early to late bloom..... 1.50

## HEMEROCALLIS (Daylilies)

If you are a hemerocallis "fan," ask for our special list. For new gardeners, we offer:

- COLLECTION A**—5 plants, labeled, full season of bloom.....\$1.50
- COLLECTION B**—8 plants, unlabeled, but some fine colors in this and full season of bloom ..... 2.50
- COLLECTION C**—10 top-ranking labeled varieties, retail value \$10, full color range and season of bloom ..... 5.00
- Planting directions with all orders.

## SPRING FLOWERING BULBS

We carry a full line of Spring Flowering Bulbs. Here you will find your favorite, as well as many new Single and Double Early, Darwin, Triumph, Cottage and Breeder Tulips, as well as the lesser known but adorable Botanical or Specie Tulips, wonderful for the Rock Garden.

We also have the best of Holland and West Coast grown Daffodils, Crocus and Hyacinths. Also a limited amount of Hardy Lilies, including Regale, Henryi, and Maxwill.

**PARROT TULIPS.** We have limited amounts of these very fine, large, long-lasting and novel flowering Tulips. The varieties available are Blue Parrot, a large violet blue, \$1.50 per dozen; Fantasy, large salmon pink, \$1.25 per dozen; Gadelan, huge flowers of violet and mauve, shading to purple, \$2.75 dozen; Orange Favorite, a shorter stemmed bright orange with green blotches, \$2.00 dozen; Red Champion, large bright crimson flowers, \$2.25 dozen; Sunshine, clear golden yellow, very new, \$2.25 dozen; Therese, a large, simply stunning cochineal red, \$2.00; Violet Queen, a soft lilac shade, \$1.75 per dozen. Mixed, 1 each of the above 8 varieties, unlabeled, \$1.50.

## SUPER GARDEN SERVICE

Gardeners near and far are coming to depend on the kinds of plants and expert garden information they get at Waldean. Come see us any time; phone or write for an appointment if you live at any distance. We make your problems ours; we know what varieties to select and how to grow them, whether for a prize winning garden picture or specimen stalk to take to the flower show.

Any of the items in this folder can be purchased at the nursery, or ordered via mail. We ship plants all over America. Write your order, attach check or money order made out to Topnotch Gardens. Shipment will be made promptly, parcel post prepaid, with full cultural directions included.

## TOPNOTCH GARDENS

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